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SUBJ: PROPOSED MILITARY TRAVEL TO US: MAJOR GENERAL

H. DE V. DU TOIT

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, MAJOR GENERAL H. DE V. DU TOIT, HAS INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF VISITING US AS PART OF WORLDWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY ATTACHE OFFICES.
2. DU TOIT EXPLAINED THAT, AS OF AUGUST 1, 1973, RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ATTACHE AFFAIRS WITHIN SAG WAS TRANSFERRED FROM DEFENSE FORCE ADMINISTRATION TO HIS OFFICE AND THAT HE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO UNDERTAKE WORLD-WIDE INSPECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY ATTACHE OFFICES, INCLUDING ONE IN WASHINGTON.
3. TRIP IS TO START ABOUT MID-SEPTEMBER 1973. HE WOULD PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON 3 OR 4 DAYS AFTER INSPECTION OF BUENOS AIRES OFFICE AND WOULD MAKE NO RPT NO OFFICIAL CONTACTS OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL. DU TOIT WOULD BE TRAVELLING IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES.
4. GENERAL DU TOIT PREVIOUSLY VISITED US IN 1967 AS COLONEL IN SADF TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON DEFENSE FORCE DOCUMENTATION.

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5. COMMENT: REVIEW OF POLICY ON TRAVEL OF HIGH-RANKING SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN US MAKES US REGARD GENERAL DU TOIT'S PROPOSED VISIT AS FALLING IN SPECIAL CATEGORY. HIS PURPOSE IN GOING TO US IS INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ONE AND NOT VISIT TO US PER SE. NOR DOES VISIT REPRESENT ANY FORM OF ASSISTANCE TO SADF. VISIT IS ANALAGOUS WITH ROUTING INSPECTIONS OF US MILITARY ATTACHE FACILITIES BY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, WHICH ALSO HAVE NO BILATERAL CONTENT. INDEED, ANALOGY MAY WELL BE DRAWN BY SOUTH AFRICANS, WHO MAY HESITATE TO FACILITATE SUCH ROUTINE US VISITS TO SOUTH AFRICA IN FUTURE IF DU TOIT IS NOT PERMITTED INCLUDE WASHINGTON ON WORLDWIDE TRIP. FOR ALL THESE REASONS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISA FOR VISIT OUTLINED ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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